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1. SUMMARY. DRAFTING GROUP COMPLETED ITS WORK ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES ON JANUARY 19. THE FOLLOWING "POLITICAL" ISSUES REMAIN UNRESOLVED: REFERENCES TO NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO) AND CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS), PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY, DISARMAMENT, AND REDISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES. REVISED TEXT TO BE PRESENTED IN PLENARY ON JANUARY 21. END SUMMARY.

2. THE DRAFTING GROUP (INDIA, THAILAND, JAMAICA, MEXICO, USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SENEGAL, UGANDA, UK AND US) ESTABLISHED TO REVISE THE DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN A/CONF. 70/PC/22 COMPLETED ITS WORK ON JANUARY 19. THE REVISED DRAFT IS TO BE CIRCULATED ON JANUARY 20 AND WILL BE PRESENTED IN PLENARY ON JANUARY 21.

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3. WHILE THE REVISION REPRESENTS CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER THE ORIGINAL TEXT, WE SUSPECT THAT IT STILL NEEDS MUCH MORE WORK ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF SUBSTANTIVE FOCUS. ON THE "POLITICAL" SIDE, THE FOLLOWING ISSUES ARE AS YET UNRESOLVED AND, IN MOST CASES, BRACKETED ALTERNATE TEXTS WILL APPEAR IN THE REVISED TEXT:

A. NIEO AND CERDS: WHILE THE PREAMBULAR REFERENCE TO NIEO AND CERDS IS CAST IN TERMS OF "RECALLING," THE REFERENCE IN SECTION III (GUIDELINES FOR ACTION) READS: "THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST CONSTANTLY REAFFIRM THESE PRINCIPLES..." OUR PROPOSED ALTERNATE WORDING USES THE PHRASE "SHOULD BEAR IN MIND."

B. PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY: THE ALTERNATE TEXTS ARE A SIMPLE REFERENCE TO THE RIGHT OF STATES "TO EXERCISE PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES" VERSUS OUR PROPOSAL CAST IN GENERAL TERMS OF "AUTHORITY" AND LINKED TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND TREATIES AND CONTRACTS.

C. DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT: ALTHOUGH A SOVIET DESIRED REFERENCE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE REVISED TEXT, THE FOLLOWING WILL APPEAR IN BRACKETS: "SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE WASTE AND MISUSE OF RESOURCES THROUGHOUT WAR AND ARMAMENTS. ALL NATIONS SHOULD SEEK TO PROMOTE GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL, WITH THE GOAL OF USING THE RESOURCES THUS RELEASED TO ACHIEVE A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE." THIS IS THE SECRETARIAT'S ORIGINAL DRAFT LANGUAGE. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE IT IN THE DOCUMENT.

D. COLONIALISM AND RACISM: IN THE DRAFTING GROUP WE FIRST TRIED GETTING THE ENTIRE SENTENCE DELETED. THIS FAILED. ALTHOUGH WE WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPT TO DELETE THE LANGUAGE OF STRUGGLE, WE DID GET REFERENCES TO "NEO-COLONIALISM" OUT AND WHAT WE HOPE IS AN ACCEPTABLE PHRASING, AS FOLLOWS: "IT IS THEREFORE THE DUTY OF ALL PEOPLE TO JOIN IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ANY FORM OF COLONIALISM, FOREIGN AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION, DOMINATION, APARTHEID AND ANY OTHER DISCRIMINATION."

E. REDISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES: THE ALTERNATE
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TEXTS REFER TO THE NIEO WHICH "SHOULD BE THE PRINCIPLE UPON WHICH THE REDISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES AMONG NATIONS SHOULD BE BASED" VERSUS OUR MORE GENERAL FORMULATION CAST IN TERMS OF "A MORE EQUITABLE STRUCTURE OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS" WHICH COULD "HELP LEAD TO A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

4. REVISED TEXT WILL COME UP FOR DISCUSSION BEFORE

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